

**\*Post Communion Blessing**

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**\*Prayer After Communion:**

**Pastor:** Radiant God, we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. In the sacrament of his body and blood you have drawn us to your heart. Send us from this table with delight, that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love, and bear witness to all we have seen and heard, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**\*The Benediction**

**Pastor:** May the triune God, who has put a new song in your mouth and turned your heart for praise +bless you now and forever **C: Amen.**

**\*Recessional Hymn:** **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve** **WOV 723**

**\*Dismissal**

**Pastor:** Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.  
**C: Thanks be to God.**

**Please keep the following in your prayers:**  
**Dave Lamar Carolyn Pinos Emma Rosman**  
**Cheryl Sherbine Keith Sherbine**

Today, Gary Mickle authorized lay worship leader in the Allegheny Synod ELCA, will distribute the gifts of bread and wine.

First Communion Classes are to be held in April. If your child/family member is in grade 2 or above and would like to participate, please contact Brenda Kerch.

Fish Fry dates: February 20, March 6 and March 20. More information on insert.

Next social hour will March 1, following church. The youth families will be hosting. Thank you. If you would like to host in the future, a host is to organize the day. If you would like reimbursed for your expenses, please save your receipts and give them to Dan Kerch.

Next Council meeting will be on Monday, March 2nd, at 6:30 pm.

If you would like anything in the bulletin, please contact Sonny Kerch. If you would like something in the newsletter, please contact Sharon Cordwell.

If anyone in need of Pastoral care, please call the Allegheny Synod Office, at (814) 942-1042 to make needed arrangements.

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## Worship Sunday at 9:00 am

### Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 8, 2026



Altar Candles are in memory of Mom, Ida Pauley by Kay.

#### ***Communion Hospitality***

*Lutheran Christians believe Christ is truly present in his supper. By faith we receive his Body and Blood “in, with, and under” the forms: of bread and wine for our forgiveness, life, and salvation. All baptized Christians who desire to receive Jesus in his sacrament, are welcome to commune.*

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings, Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shing with the light of Christ.

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Setting I

*Parish Announcements*

*Prelude*

**\*= Stand** *(The sign of the cross + may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.)*

**\*Announcements:**

**Pastor:** Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the Creator of heaven and earth, the Word who spoke life into being, the Wind stirring the waters. **C: Amen.**

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

*Silence is kept for reflection. Please kneel as you are able.*

**Pastor:** Mighty God, lover of justice, you call us to life in community, but we have served our own interests at the expense of our neighbors. We have sown deceit where honesty was needed. We say the right words, but our hearts are far from you. Turn us to seek your face. Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ, that we may do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. **Amen.**

**Pastor:** The former things have passed away, and new things God now declares: Like a spring of water that never fails, God covers you in the righteousness of Christ; and forgives your sin in +Jesus' name. May the Spirit give you strength to live for others; and bless you with the gift of peace. **C: Amen.**

**\*Entrance Hymn:** As with Gladness Men of Old LBW 82

**\*Pastor:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie** p. 57

**\*Hymn of Praise: Glory to God** p. 58

**\*Prayer of the Day:** **Pastor:** The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

**First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)** L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God  
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**Psalms 112:1-9 (10)** (Read Responsively)

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12** L: The word of the Lord C: Thanks be to God

**\*The Verse** p. 62

**\*Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20** C: Glory to you O Lord

**C: Praise to you O Christ**

**Sermon**

**\*Hymn of the Day** Oh, Praise the Gracious Power WOV 750

**\*Apostles Creed** p. 65

**\*Prayers of the Church**

**Pastor:** Merciful God **C: Receive our prayer**

**\*Passing of Peace** **Pastor:** The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: And also with you.**  
*The minister and congregation may greet one another in the name of the Lord; and then be seated.*

**Offering** *The offering is received as the Lord's table is prepared.*

**\*Offertory** "Let the Vineyards" p. 66

**\*Offertory Prayer**

**Pastor:** God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

**Liturgy of Holy Communion**

**\*Great Thanksgiving and Sanctus** p. 68

**\*When our brothers and sisters at Zion Lutheran Church in Hollidaysburg gathered for worship, they heard again the story of God's mighty acts and the love shown to us in Jesus' life, death, resurrection, and ascension, and they shared the holy meal of the Lord's Supper. Now, I bring to you this same word of life, and this same bread and cup of blessing, so that we may share these gifts and be strengthened in communion with all the people of God.**

**Gathered at the Lord's table, our brothers and sisters in Christ celebrated with thanksgiving that in the night in which Jesus was betrayed, he took bread and gave thanks; broke it and gave it to his disciples saying: "Take and eat; this is my body given to for you. Do this in remembrance of me." Again, after supper he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me." This is the supper our Lord Jesus Christ, and this meal is shared with assurance of our Lord's presence through the gift of the Holy Spirit. This bread and cup, shared in the gathering of our faith, are now given here for you.**

**\*The Lord's Prayer**

**\*Invitation to Communion:**

**Pastor:** Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Come to the table; taste and see.

**\*Agnes Dei** "Lamb of God" p. 72

*As bread and wine is given, these words are said to each communicant:  
'The body of Christ, given for you.' & 'The blood of Christ, shed for you.'  
After each, the communicant may say: 'Amen.'*

**Distribution of Communion**

**Communion Hymn:** You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord WOV 779